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SUBJ: URUGUAY AT THE SECOND LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE
ON LAND TRANSPORT

1. LABOR OFFICER HAS OBTAINED COPY OF SPEECH ROBERTO BORRAZAS, PRESIDENT CONFEDERACION GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES DE URUGUAY (CGTU) WILL MAKE ON BEHALF URUGUAYAN DELEGATION TO UPCOMING SECOND LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON LAND TRANSPORT, SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF) AT BOGOTA. SPEECH IS IN ESSENCE A REQUEST THAT ITF BACK CGTU BY PETITIONING GOU FOR LABOR FREEDOM. IT SAYS THERE IS NOW A LACK OF LABOR FREEDOM IN URUGUAY WHICH WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE GOU INDISCRIMINANT CRACKDOWN ON ALL ORGANIZED LABOR RATHER THAN SOLELY ON THE COMMUNIST SECTOR.

2. THIS CALL FOR ITF SUPPORT IS BEING MADE BECAUSE CGTU LEADERS FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY THE ITF WHEN THEY MOST NEED THEIR SUPPORT. BORRAZAS HAS SAID THAT THE DEMOCRATICALLY ORGANIZED LABOR UNIONS ARE IN
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A SITUATION WHERE THE GOU REPRESSES THEM FOR WHAT WAS

DONE BY THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED CNT AND THE ITF THEN
PULLS OUT ITS SUPPORT FOR ITS AFFILIATE AND FOR THE
CGTU BECAUSE THEY ARE REPRESSED. BORRAZAS FAILS
TO SEE ANY LOGIC IN THIS ATTITUDE.

3. COMMENT: THE URUGUAYAN ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT
IS REPRESSED AND THE SMALL DEMOCRATIC MOVMENT FEELS
ISOLATED AND POWERLESS TO ACT IN FRONT OF THE GOU.
IN THIS CASE WORLD LABOR OPINION MAY HAVE A
BEARING ON WHAT THE LOCAL MOVEMENT WILL BE WILLING TO DO
VIS-A-VIS THE GOU. PTTI HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS BEFORE THE GOU.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION OF BOTH
REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND ITF TO THIS APPEAL FOR
BACKING IF IN FACT APPEAL IS MADE IN MANNER AS REPORTED ABOVE.
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